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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Dominick L. Mastri, et al

Con of Serial No.: 09/497,647 Examiner: Unknown

Group Art Unit: Unknown **Filed:** Concurrently Herewith

For: SURGICAL STAPLER

APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Asst. Commissioner For Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the [x] utility [] design patent application in this case including:

1. This application is a [x] Continuation; [] Divisional Continuation in Part of prior application Serial No. 09/497,647 filed on February 3, 2000.
 2. This application claims priority from Provisional Application No. _____ filed _____.
 3. The application consisting of 46 pages (including specification, claims and abstract).
 4. 38 sheet(s) of drawings is enclosed. The drawings are:
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 5. A signed declaration and power of attorney from the parent application is enclosed.
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7. [x] An copy of the Recorded Assignment of the invention from the parent application to is enclosed
8. [x] Claims 2-19 have been cancelled by Preliminary Amendment attached hereto.
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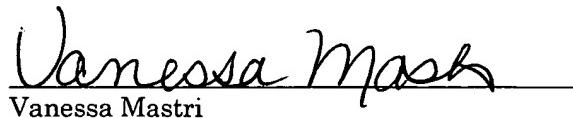
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